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E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: MASS PFOR JO US
SUBJECT: SPRING 1977 JMC MEETING

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1. PLEASED THAT SPRING JMC ON TRACK AND ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL INTERVENTION WITH GENE MCAULIFFE AND HOWARD FISH. WE BELIEVE THAT ITMES WHICH NEED TO BE TAKEN UP CN BE COVERED IN TWO DAYS OF SESSIONS. WHEN WE GET FINAL GO AHEAD WE WILL COMPLETE OUR DICUSSION OF TOPIS TO BE COVERED WITH JORDANIANS AND SEND OUR PROPOSAL KEEPING IN MIND THE DESIRE TO HAVE SESSIONS STAY WITHIN THE TWO DAYD PERIOD. FROM INFORMATION ALREADY DEVELOPED HERE WE BELIEVE A GOOD PORTION OF THE MEETINGS CAND BE PARALLEL ARMY AND AIR FORCE WORKING SESSIONS WHICH NEED NOT TIE UP NEW AND SENIOR DOD OFFICIALS.

2. THERE IS ONE POINT CONCERING THE DATES THAT WE FEEL MIGHT NOT BE IN US AS OPPOSED TO JORDANIANS INTEREST AND RAISE IT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. WE LEAVE IT TO YOU AS TO WHERE AND IF SO WHEN TO RAISE THESE WITH DOD. HOLDING SESSIONS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO KINGS ARRIVAL IN THE PAST HAS LEFT US OFFICIALS DEALING DIRECTLY WITH KING IN A DIFFICULT POSITION REGARDING ONE OR TWO ISSUES LEFT
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OVER FROM THE JMC WHICH KING CHOOSES HIMSELF PERSONALLY TO RAISE WITH THE SECRETARY OR WITH SECDEF. JORDANIANS IN WASH INGTON CAN QUICKLY BRIEF KING AFTER HE ARRIVES ON SUCH MATTERS. OR OWN STAFFING TIME REQUIRES A LONGER PERIOD AND SENIOR US OFFICIALS ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE WITH KING WHEN HE RAISES ISSUES ON WHICH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN WELL BRIEFED OR WHICH ARE NOT FULLY STAFFED OUT. IN OUR JUDGEMENT TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS MIGHT BEST

BE HELD ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (APRIL 19/20) WITH AN OFFICE CALL
BY LTG BIN SHAKER SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY APRIL 21 ON ASST SECDEF
ISA OR OTHER SENIOR DOD OFFICIAL. AT FRIDAY MEETING BIN SHAKER
COULD BE TOLD WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT DO AND IF NECESSARY IMPRESSED
THE FACT THAT FURTHER RAISING OF ISSUES BY KING WILL NOT BE
PRODUCTIVE OR SELF DEFEATING.

3. AS NOTED ABOVE IMPORTANT ISSUE IS TO GET JMC HELD AND I WOULD
NOT WANT CONSIDERATIONS OF TIMING TO INTERFERE WITH THAT. HOWEVER
TIMING CIRCUMSTANCES CONTAIN SOME ITEMS OF INTEREST TO US AS WELL
AND FELT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEM.
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